

North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning
Monday, April 7, 2014, 1:00 p.m.
Central Office

Minutes

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Alicia Clapp, Wesley O'Brien, Melinda McKenna, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Kristine Carling, Director of Business, Operations, and Human Resources, Jill Metz, Social Studies Program Coordinator, and Susan Bass, Language Arts Program Coordinator.

1. Textbook discussion – Civics text Government Alive! – Jill Metz will join us for discussion and the sharing of text

The group had a discussion led by Jill Metz around Civics textbooks. They approved the text Government Alive!

Jill Metz shared issues with the current Psychology textbook due to the date of publication being old. She will bring a textbook proposal to the group in May for discussion.

2. Field Trip: Future Problem Solvers

Field Trip: Future Problem Solvers Field Trip was approved- the group discussed having Paul Castiglione stay at the middle school and having Tom Marak and Josh Anderson serve as the chaperones. There was a conversation about the need for a full bus or coach with so few students attending. If a parent chaperone is attending we will do a background check.

3. Field Trip: Grade 5 Contemporary Ridge Road

Field Trip- Grade 5 Contemporary Ridge Road to Sturbridge was approved.

4. Smarter Balanced Assessment update

Smarter Balanced Assessment update- Testing going much smoother and better than expected- as well as students finishing quicker- Mrs. McKenna reported that we have approached this in a balanced way- allowing opt outs.

5. Kindergarten registration process

Kindergarten Registration Process-Mrs. McKenna shared that we are creating a process district-wide for all schools. Students will participate in child centered developmentally appropriate activities.

6. Nature's Classroom permission letter

Nature's Classroom Permission Letter- Mrs. Carling and Mrs. McKenna shared a revised Nature's Classroom permission slip that will be sent home with students who are attending this year. Background checks are being done on parent chaperones who will be attending.

7. Textbook discussion – AP Language & Composition text – Language and Composition: The Art of Voice – Sue Bass will join us for discussion and the sharing of text

Sue Bass shared her proposal for AP Language & Composition text- Language and Composition : The Art of Voice- the group approved this request.

8. Discussion of Summer School offerings in district – Kristine Carling and Sue Bass will join us

The group discussed Summer School Programs that the district has been offering over the past couple of years. We will continue as we have in the past and Sue Bass will report out to the Board in August. We will look to find ways to assist families with tuition to open these opportunities up to more students.

Mrs. Carling shared information about Adult Education and potential savings to the district if we join Hamden for required Adult Education offerings.

The group discussed adding a Drama course next year at the high school.

The committee will meet again on May 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Central Office